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TAGS: PFOR PINT KS US  
SUBJ: ROK STATEMENTS ON KIM SANG-KUN AND BUGGING ALLEGATIONS  
ISSUES

1. WE ARE FORWARDING BY SEPTELS TEXT OF FOREIGN MINISTRY  
STATEMENT, BACKGROUND STATEMENT ISSUED TO NATIONAL ASSEMBLY  
PEACEFUL UNIFICATION COUNCIL AND PRESS AND STATEMENT OF  
UNIFICATION COUNCIL REGARDING KIN SANG-KUN AND BUGGING  
ALLEGATION ISSUES. GOVERNMENT STATEMENTS INTENDED TO PROVIDE  
BACKGROUND ON ROKG POSITION FOR PRESS AND PUBLIC ON THE  
ISSUES.

2. AS CAN BE SEEN FROM STATEMENTS AND AS WE ANTICIPATED,  
ROKG COVERED WHOLE SPECTRUN OF REACTIONS FROM EFFORT TO  
STRESS CONTINUATION OF FRIENDLY KOREAN-US RELATIONS TO HARD  
BITTER ATTACK ON USG, PARTICULARLY FOR HANDLING KIM SANG-KUN  
CASE. CONTRAST BETWEEN FOREIGN MINISTRY STATEMENT, WHICH  
IN KOREAN PERSPECTIVE IS RELATIVELY RESTRAINED, AND BACKGROUND  
PAPER, WHICH WE SUSPECT HAS MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND  
PROBABLY KCIA ORIGINS, IS MUCH TOUGHER NOT ONLY IN TONE BUT  
IN SO-CALLED FACTUAL CONTENT. BACKGROUND PAPER IS  
STRIDENTLY SELF-SERVING EFFORT TO PUT U.S. IN  
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POOR LIGHT, WHILE FOREIGN MINISTRY STATEMENT MAKES AN  
EFFORT AT BALANCE AND TRYING TO CLOSE BOTH CASES.

3. INITIAL PRESS REACTION WILL BE REPORTED SEPTTEL, BUT  
FOR DAY OR SO WE PROBABLY WILL NOT GET FULL RECKONING.  
WE SERIOUSLY DOUBT WHETHER, IN KOREAN EYES, ISSUES CAN BE

CLOSED, AS FOREIGN MINISTER HOPES, IN VIEW OF BACK-  
GROUND STATEMENT. BUT OUTCOME DEPENDS HEAVILY ON GUIDANCE  
GIVEN THE PRESS ONCE INITIAL PHASE OF SELF-JUSTIFICATION  
HAS RUN ITS COURSE.

4. IN ADDITION TO PRESS GUIDANCE ALREADY DEVELOPED, WE  
SUGGEST AGAIN THAT WE MAKE CLEAR CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING  
KIM SANG-KUN CASE DERIVED ENTIRELY FROM HIS DESIRES AND  
THAT, WHILE USG RECOGNIZES DESIRABILITY OF HIS SEEING  
ROK REPRESENTATIVE, IT NOT IN POSITION TO DICTATE TO HIM  
CIRCUMSTANCES OF SUCH A MEETING. REITERATION OF USG  
POSITION ON MAINTENANCE OF RELATIONSHIP DESPITE THESE ISSUES  
IS ALSO SUGGESTED. FOR THE PRESENT WE WOULD FINALLY  
SUGGEST LETTING REMAINDER OF FLAK TOSSED UP AT US BE  
UNANSWERED IF POSSIBLE.

5. DEPENDING UPON PRESS PLAY IN TOMORROW MORNING'S  
PAPER, I WILL REGISTER UNHAPPINESS WITH BACKGROUND  
STATEMENT TO FOREIGN MINISTER. LOWER LEVEL PROTEST TO  
FOREIGN MINISTRY BEING MADE TODAY.  
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